1	2	3	4
15.	Madhya Pradesh	11920	141
16.	Maharashtra	26781	562
17.	Manipur	557	19
18.	Meghalaya	544	19
19.	Mizoram	311	11
20.	Nagaland	492	13
21.	Orissa	7845	102
22.	Punjab	6315	141
23.	Rajasthan	9655	165
24.	Sikkim	129	—
25.	Tamil Nadu	17715	726
26.	Tripura	871	27
27.	Uttaranchal	2097	33
28.	Uttar Pradesh	26818	216
29.	West Bengal	19744	242
30.	A&N Islands	106	6
31.	Chandigarh	261	19
32.	D&N Haveli	32	—
33.	Daman & Diu	37	1
34.	Lakshadweep	20	—
35.	Pondicherry	318	8

*The figures for Jharkhand was included in the parent State i.e. Bihar.

Contribution to Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi

687. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the SC/ST students of Kendriya Vidyalayas, who are exempted from payment of tuition fees, are being charged an amount ranging from Rs. 160 to Rs. 200 per month as compulsory contribution to Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi;

(b) if so, the justification for collecting such huge amounts from them especially from the students belonging to economically weaker sections;

(c) whether in many Kendriya Vidyalayas, the enrolled percentage of SC/ST students has come down, due to financial inability of their parents; and

(d) the steps Government propose to remove the burden of Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi and increase enrollment of SC/ST students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi is being collected to provide better educational facilities, infrastructure for sports, games, computers, lab equipments, library books and other academic facilities for uplifting the academic standard of the KV students. The Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi (VVN) was introduced as per the recommendation of the Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC). Parents who are mainly Government employees are generally able to pay this amount, to ensure quality education to their wards.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi

698. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is collecting from each student an amount ranging from Rs. 160 to 200 per month as Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi in addition to the tuition fees;

(b) how the Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi is different from tuition fee or donation, contribution to building fund etc.;

(c) whether it is a fact that low paid Government employees, Jawans of Defence/Para-Military Forces are not entitled to the reimbursement of the amount paid to Vidyalaya Vikas Nidhi, from their departments and it is a huge financial burden for them; and